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OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health for the Southern Combined Districts of Breconshire	...	Dr. Creighton E. Edwards, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
Public Health Inspector and Inspector of Meat and other Foods	...	I.L. Hughes, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H. Dip (Meat and Foods) R.S.H. Joined Department 30th June, 1965.
Authorised Meat Inspector	...	E.B. Glithero, A.R.S.H., M. Inst.M. Joined Department 30th August, 1965.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

to the

BRYNMAWR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

for the Year 1965

To:-

The Chairman and Members of the
Brynmawr Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Grubb, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report upon the sanitary circumstances of the district, the health of its people, and the work of the Public Health Department for the Year 1965.

The Registrar General's population figure for the urban area is 6,370.

The general health of the district during the Year has been very good with an absence of any serious disease.

Two cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified during the year.

It is my desire to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Council for their co-operation in all matters concerned with the health of the district.

Yours faithfully,

CREIGHTON E. EDWARDS,

Medical Officer of Health for the
Southern Combined Districts
of Breconshire.

The following figures may be of interest:-

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF HOUSES</u>	<u>BIRTH RATE</u>	<u>DEATH RATE</u>
1921	8538			
1931	7285	1650	15.74	15.7
1932	7305		15.74	13.5
1933	7210	1745	13.8	10.8
1934	7110	1745	14.77	12.94
1935	6976	1728	14.04	13.04
1936			15.82	11.9
1937	6692		14.5	15.84
1938	6622	1600	16.01	15.25
1940	6448	1680	12.15	11.6
1941			16.6	15.6
1942	6529	1770	18.2	13.47
1943		1770	15.9	15.8
1944	6281	1770	18.0	10.7
1945	6231	1770	13.8	15.6
1946	6368	1770	17.7	15.9
1947	6341		20.8	13.6
1948	6540	1875	19.1	13.9
1949	6569	1842	17.7	12.3
1950	6625	1873	14.6	13.6
1951	6434	1886	16.0	16.8
1952	6362	1931	15.6	13.8
1953	6362	1958	15.4	12.4
1954	6400	1994	13.6	10.2
1955	6380	2023	14.9	9.97
1956	6350	2013	15.43	13.75
1957	6380	2026	13.95	12.76
1958	6420	2100	15.58	13.71
1959	6400	2067	16.35	16.62
1960	6400	2090	16.41	15.04
1961	6420	2125	13.55	17.32
1962	6420	2172	14.95	15.97
1963	6400	2191	17.2	13.9
1964	6410	2222	14.19	12.79
1965	6370	2207	15.67	13.21

HOUSING POSITION 31st DECEMBER, 1965

No. of Private Dwellings	...	1352
No. of Public Houses (+ Dwellings)	...	22
No. of Council Houses and Flats	...	833
No. of Other Council owned Houses	...	8
		<u>2215</u>

No. of Houses Vacant as a result of actions under Housing Acts, etc ... 32

No. of Houses and Flats built by the Brynmawr Council in 1965 ... 30

No. built by Private Individuals ... 3

In course of construction at the end of Year 1965:-

Council:-

Cemetery Road	...	48
King Street - O.A.P. Flats	...	3
		<u>51</u>

Private Houses:- 2

New Houses Built:-

Private	...	3
Council	...	20
No. of Houses Closed	...	6

Rateable Value of District, April, 1965 £123,902
 Product of a Penny Rate for the Financial Year 1965/66 £485 (Est)
 Rate in the £ ...

General Rates:- 15s. 5d.
 Water Rate :- 1s. 10d. in the
 £ with minimum of 15s. 0d. $\frac{3}{4}$ net.
 Annual Value for Rate Purposes

Area of District in Acres 1,454 acres.

VITAL STATISTICS

	BRYNMAWR U.D.C.			BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
	Male	Female	Total	
<u>Births</u>				
No. of Legitimate Live Births:	51	44	95	812
No. of Illegitimate Live Births:	3	2	5	53
Total Live Births:	54	46	100	865
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1965:			15.57	-
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1964:			14.19	-
Registrar General's Comparability Factor:			1.02	1.12
No. of Still Births Legitimate:	1	6	7	17
No. of Still Births Illegitimate:	1	1	2	3
Illegitimate Live Births % of Total Live Births:			5%	6.12
Total Live & Still Births:			10.9	885
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births:			82.56	22.59
<u>Deaths</u>				
Deaths taking place within the District:	52	33	85	696
Deaths taking place outside of District and transferred In:			34	
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population:			13.35	12.78
Registrar General's Comparability Factor:			0.99	0.90
Corrected Death Rate			13.21	
<u>Maternal Mortality:</u>				
Deaths from Puerpural Causes:	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Deaths from Other Maternal Causes:	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Live and Still Births:	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

VITAL STATISTICS (Cont.)

	BRYNMAWR U.D.C.			BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
	Males	Females	Total	
<u>Infant Mortality:</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 years of age:-				
Legitimate	1	1	2	16
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births			20.0	19.65
-do- Legitimate			21.07	19.70
-do- Illegitimate			Nil	18.86
<u>Neo Natal Mortality:</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:-				
Legitimate	1	1	2	11
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	2	11
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births			20.0	12.71
<u>Early Neo Natal Mortality:</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age:-				
Legitimate	1	1	2	10
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	2	10
Early Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births			20.0	11.56
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate:</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age plus number of Still Births:-				
No. of Deaths under 1 week	1	1	2	1
No. of Still Births	2	7	9	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate			100.9	30.50
<u>Cancer Deaths:</u>				
No. of Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms & Lymphatic Neo- plasms.	7	7	14	
Cancer Death Rate 1,000 pop- ulation:			2.19	1.90

CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1
2. Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1
3. Syphilitic Disease	1	1
4. Diphtheria	1	1
5. Whooping Cough	1	1
6. Meningococcal Infections	1	1
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1
8. Measles	1	1
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	1
10. Malignant Neoplasm - Lung Bronchus	3	1
11. Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	1	1
12. Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	1	1
13. Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	1	1
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	4	4
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1
16. Diabetes	1	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	5	6
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	12	6
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	2
20. Other Heart Diseases	4	1
21. Other Circulatory Diseases	4	1
22. Influenza	1	1
23. Pneumonia	1	2
24. Bronchitis	5	3
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
29. Hyperplasia of Prostrate	1	1
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	1	1
31. Congenital Malformations	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	5
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1
34. All other Accidents	2	1
35. Suicide	1	1
36. Homicide and Operations of War	1	1
ALL CAUSES	52	33
...	=====	=====

PUBLIC ANALYST:

Dr. G. V. James, M.B.E.
69 Dock Street, Newport,
Mon. (Newport 63035)

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY:
SERVICE:

Dr. Gray
Public Health Laboratories,
Olytha Square, Newport, Mon.
(Newport 63248)

AMBULANCE FACILITIES:

The Breconshire County Council have stationed an ambulance in George Street, Brynmawr (Brynmawr 238). If this ambulance is engaged, the call is passed to Mr. J. L. Williams Bwloh 289

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE:

The Clinic is situated at Bailey Street, Brynmawr, and is attended by the County Medical Officer of Health and his assistant Medical Officers and by Nurse S. Rees, the Health Visitor. There are three other County Council Mid-Wives in this District. (Brynmawr 268)

WELFARE:

The District Welfare Officer, Mr. Verley Rees, has an office in Bailey Street, Brynmawr. The Breconshire County Council have facilities for Part III Accommodation under the National Assistance Act at the Cockcroft House, Hay and Crawshay House, Brynmawr (Brynmawr 254).

ISOLATION HOSPITALS:

Infectious diseases requiring hospitalisation are admitted to Gelligaer Isolation Hospital or to Alt-yr-yn Isolation Hospital, Newport, Mon.,

PREVALENCE OF CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS

AND OTHER DISEASES

Arrangements for Diphtheria Immunisation of children are carried out by the School Medical Service of the Breconshire County Council.

NUMBER OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES
NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR:

DISEASE	1964 Total No. Notified.	1964 Males	1964 Females	1965 Males	1965 Females
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4	-	4	-	-
Non-Pulmonary	2	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	5	3	2	2	2
Whooping Cough	2	2	-	2	2
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	69	35	34	-	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-
Small Pox	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-
Chicken Pox	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-
Other Notifiable Diseases except Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	1	-	-	-

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFIED DURING 1965

AGE AND SEX CLASSIFICATION

Ages	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Acute Poliomyelitis				Measles	
	M	F	M	F	Paralytic		Non-para.		M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 - 9 yrs.	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 yrs.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (All Ages)	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1

Lobar Pneumonia		Erysipelas		Dysentery		Tuberculosis			
						Respiratory		Other	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 44 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL (All Ages)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

T U B E R C U L O S I S

Number of Cases as shown on Register of
Persons suffering from Tuberculosis
During 1965

	MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	
No. on Register on 31/12/64	12	1	5	1	19
No. of Cases Notified during Year	-	-	-	1	1
No. of Cases restored to Register having been removed previously	-	-	-	-	-
No. of Cases added to Register other than by formal notification	-	-	-	-	-
No. of Cases removed from Register during the Year	1	-	1	-	2
No. of Cases remaining on Register on 31/12/65	11	1	4	2	18

There were no deaths notified as due to Tuberculosis during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The district is supplied with water from an impounding reservoir known as Cairns Mound Reservoir, and situated about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north-east of the town. The supply can be augmented by pumping water into the reservoir from the Ffynnon Gisfaen Springs at Clydach Valley.

The water is subject to slow sand filtration; three filter beds are provided.

The reputed capacity of the reservoir is 20,000,000 gallons, but in all probability the capacity is considerably less than this. The reliable out-put of the reservoir is estimated about 120,000 gallons per day, but probably during periods about 300,000 gallons per day could be relied upon.

Brynmawr is particularly fortunate in being able to supplement their reservoir water supply with pumping from the Ffynnon Gisfaen Springs. The supply from these Springs has shown them to be practically inexhaustable and well able to provide Brynmawr with a plentiful supply of water at all times, even after a long drought. The 60 h.p. Sigmund Electric Pump and Motor which the Council installed in a Pump House sited over the Springs in July 1956, gives maximum yield of 12,000 gallons per hour, pumping against a head of 640 feet through a 6 inch main delivery pipe to the reservoir or to the Balancing Tank as required. The main leaving the reservoir is 7 inches in diameter.

On 1st April, 1959, the whole water undertaking was taken over by the South-East Breconshire Water Supply Board formed by four local authorities viz. Brecon Borough, the Urban District of Brynmawr and the Rural Districts of Brecknock and Crickhowell. Each local authority being represented on the Board. Mr. K. F. Lewis, A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.W.E., is now Clerk and Engineer to the Board.

The Public Health Inspector takes periodical samples and these are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Newport for biological examination.

SWIMMING BATHS

Regular visits are made to the Open Air Swimming Baths during the season with frequent checks on the conditions of the water in the baths. The chlorine content of this water is assessed thrice daily by the Baths Superintendant. The Surveyor's Department is responsible for the maintenance of the Baths and Plant whilst the purity of the water is, of necessity, a Public Health matter, and both Departments co-operate to achieve the best possible results.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The whole town, with the exception of a few cottages situated in isolated parts of the district is served by public sewers.

In some of the older parts of the town, the sewers are brick built and have been in existence for a great many years. The system is combined, the sewers taking both foul sewage and storm water, the Bryn Farn Estate. Old Bryn Farn Estate and the new houses built in Aneurin Crescent are on the dual system, all surface water being excluded from the sewage system.

The sewage is purified at a Sewage Disposal Works owned by the Local Authority and the effluent discharged into the River Clydach. These Works were built in 1924 and will probably need to be enlarged at some future date.

In May, 1963 the Council applied to the Usk River Board, in accordance with Section 1 of the Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) Act, 1961 for consent to discharge to the River Clydach a D.W.F. of 340,000 g.p.d. of fully treated sewage effluent from the Brynmawr Sewage Disposal Works. Following earlier discussions the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in November, 1964 suggested to the Council to consider a scheme to improve the treatment given at their Sewage Disposal Works.

In December, 1964 the River Board, sent to the Council a draft of the consent proposed, the principal conditions being the effluent should be of a Royal Common 20/30 standard and there should be a dilution of not less than 8 to 1 in the receiving stream.

The maximum quantity of effluent which the River Board were prepared to accept at the existing effluent outfall in any weather was 64,000 g.p.d., and this fell short of the estimated dry weather flow of 340,000 g.p.d., being treated at the works to say nothing of the expected future average in the D.W.F. In view of this the River Board suggested that:-

1. The Provision of an authorised treatment plant to effect a much greater degree of purification. or.

2. Discharge the effluent to a point further down stream in the river where the flow would be sufficient to provide adequate dilution.

At about this time the Council had preliminary discussions with the Western Valley (Mon) Sewage Board about the probability of diverting to the latter trunk sewer about half of the sewage from Brynmawr.

In April, 1965 the Council engaged Consulting Engineers to advise them on the methods and apparatus at present being used for sewage treatment and disposal within the Urban Area.

- Accordingly,
1. Continuous flow recording of sewage inflow to the works and river flow is now being made.
 2. Trade effluents are being investigated with a view to establishing the degree of any treatment now necessary (this in particular applies to the large Slaughterhouse in the Area).
 3. A complete survey of the sewage system be made with a view to preparing record plans.
 4. Re-construction of the Sewage Works.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Council operate a twice weekly collection of refuse from all parts of the town, and a daily collection from the central sections of the town, and disposal is by means of controlled tipping designed to level sites of disused workings of outcrop coal seams, which are numerous in the area.

In January, 1956, the Council commenced tipping refuse on the site known as "The Patches" and this is the only site now used for this purpose.

One Bedford Tipper is employed part time and one 12 cubic yard Karrier is employed full time on refuse collection.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The work of rats and mice destruction had proceeded satisfactorily and had been carried out in accordance with the provisions of the above Act.

Two maintenance treatments of the town's sewers have been completed during the year.

The bait was deposited on the 'benching' of the manhole or upon metal baiting trays fitted to the manhole walls. Each manhole being pre-baited upon alternate days, and on the third day, a proportionate amount of poison was added to the base bait and laid at all points.

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Infestation Control Department), the base bait and poison used are alternated for sewer treatment, and the results prove the efficiency of this change in bait and poison.

The Operator does these duties part-time and he has other Council duties to perform but Rodent Control is given priority over his other work.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1965

	TYPE OF PROPERTY			
	Non-Agricultural			
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other (inc. Business Premises)	Total of cols 1, 2 and 3.
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's district:	16	2250	200	2466
2. Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification:	Nil	112	34	146
3. Number of such properties found to be infested by:				
Common Rat - Minor	Nil	48	6	54
- Major	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ship Rat - Minor	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
- Major	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
House Mouse - Minor	Nil	27	Nil	27
- Major				
3. Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	10	112	6	128
Number of such properties found to be infested by				
Common Rat - Minor	Nil	48	6	54
- Major	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ship Rat - Minor	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
- Major	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
House Mouse - Minor	Nil	27	Nil	27
- Major	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4. Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	Nil	30	105	135

(Continued)

	TYPE OF PROPERTY			
	Non-Agricultural			
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	All other (inc. Business Premises)	Total cols 1,2,3,
No. of such properties found to be infested by				
Common Rat - Minor	Nil	2	6	8
- Major	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ship Rat - Minor	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
- Major	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
House Mouse - Minor	Nil	5	Nil	5
- Major	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	16	205	230	451
6. No. of infested properties in Sec 2 3 and 4 treated by L.A.	Nil	112	6	118
7. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	-	-	-	-
8. No. of notices served under Sec 4 of the Act				
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work	-	-	-	-
9. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sec 4 of the Act:	-	-	-	-
10. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-
11. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-

Prevention of Damage By Pests Act, 1949

(Continued)

Sewage Disposal Works:

Treatment of the town's sewers for the destruction of rats were followed by inspection and test baiting at the Sewage Disposal Plant. Several minor infestations responded to treatments at intervals.

Refuse Disposal Tip:

Periodical inspections were made at the refuse tip. During the year treatments for the destruction of rats were successfully completed. The tip was rather heavily infested, but as a result of treatment, the infestation was cleared. However, regular inspections continued to be made and any infestation immediately treated.

Surface Infestations:

Every complaint of infestation by rats or mice was investigated, and surveys of the town periodically carried out.

FACTORIES ACTS 1961

The following is a list of trades carried on at factories within the Urban Area during 1965.

TRADE	No. of Factories	Mechanical Power used	Mechanical Power Not used
Joinery	7	7	-
Mineral Water Manufacturers:	1	1	-
Motor Vehicle Repairs:	9	8	1
Boot Repairs	1	1	-
Raincoat Manufacture	1	1	-
Nylon Overcoat Manufacture	1	1	-
Tufted Bedspreads etc.,	1	1	-
Slaughterhouses	1	1	-
TOTAL:	22	21	1

N.B.

The above list does not contain several premises used in the manufacture of articles where no persons are employed.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORKERS - SECTIONS 133 & 134

There was one outworker employed within the Brynmawr Area during the year:-

NAME	ADDRESS	EMPLOYED
Mrs. C. Croucher	157 King Street	Wendy Boston (Toys) Ltd., ABERGAVENNY

PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION

OF THE FACTORIES ACT - 1961

Inspections for purposes as to Health

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by L.A.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Factories not included in 1. in which Section 7 is enforced:	27	27	1	Nil
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced (excluding out-workers)	4	4	Nil	Nil

Cases in which defects were found

	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				Prosecution Instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness Section 1	1	1	-	-	Nil
Overcrowding S.2	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature S.3	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation S.4	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of Floor S.6	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences S.7 (a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective:	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes:	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-workers)	-	-	-	-	-

CLEAN AIR ACT

Apparatus to determine the sulphur dioxide and air pollution of the air was set up in September. Returns to Warren Springs Laboratory at Stevenage were made from October, 1965. The result show that the air pollution of the town is not great at any time and it is only when the wind is southerly or south-easterly that any pollution occurs.

F O O D

Food Premises:

During the year, visits were made to retail food shops and premises where food is prepared, stored or deposited for the purpose of sale.

The undermentioned is a list of such premises (estimate) :-

<u>Type of Food Premise</u>	<u>Number in Area</u>
Grocers	25
Greengrocers and Wet Fish Shops	7
Butchers	13
Restaurants, Cafes	4
Bake Houses	3
Canteens	4
Slaughterhouse	1

Food Premises Registered Under Food and Drugs Act:

Preparation, manufacture and storage of preserved foods (cooked meats, etc., in connection with butchery business).	13
Fried Fish Shops	3
Storage and Sale of Ice-cream	26
Manufacture of Ice-cream	Nil

All registered premises are kept under surveillance and particular attention is made to the standard of personal hygiene of food handlers.

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Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Byelaws for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food are in operation in the Urban Area. It has not been necessary to take legal action as generally traders are co-operative in the question of food hygiene.

Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1959

There are 26 registered retailers of ice-cream within the Urban Area. They are supplied from the central depots of the large ice-cream companies.

All of the premises in the district, comply with the legislation and maintain a good standard of food hygiene.

At present there are no manufacturers of ice-cream operating within the Urban Area.

Milk and Dairies (Special Designation) Regulations 1963

There is only one processor of milk within the Urban Area he holds a "Dealers licence" issued by the Food & Drugs Authority, "Brecon County Council".

Inspection at Dairy

During the year 3 visits were made to the Dairy for inspection of plant, utensils and premises. The trade is most co-operative in the question of clean milk production, and it was not necessary to resort to legal action in any instance.

Food & Drugs

Under the provisions of the above Act, a total of 39 samples were procured in the area for analysis by the Public Analyst consisting of 31 dry samples and 8 Milk samples. All samples proved to be genuine.

Additionally, twelve samples were taken from the Pasteurisation Plant (R. Hughes) and a further 3 samples under the provisions of the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1963, each of these samples were subjected to the Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Tests.

Sampling for Food & Drugs is undertaken by the Brecon County Council and I am grateful to the Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures for the above information.

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Licensed Premises

All licensed premises in the district were inspected regularly and the standard of cleanliness was generally good.

The brewery companies are in the process of modernising most of these premises.

Seven letters were sent requiring certain defects to be remedied and in each case the work was carried out.

The number of licensed premises in the district is given below:

Public Houses	22
Licensed Clubs	3
Off-licensed	2

Food Condemned

Given below is a summary of the food stuffs condemned during the year:-

<u>Food Condemned</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jellied Veal	5 tins.
Corned beef	6 tins
T.K. Beef " Bone taint"	17 lbs
Cooked Ham	1 tin
Vacuum Packed Bacon	1 Pkt
Salmon	1 tin
Pilchards	1 x 5½ oz tin
Evaporated Milk	4 tins
Beans	2 tins
Braised steak	1 x 1 lb tin
Danish Bacon	2 lbs 4 ozs.

All condemned foods not returned through the wholesalers are disposed of at the local authority's refuse tip.

In addition because of a mechanical failure to the refrigerator at the Market Hall Cinema, the following ice-cream fell below the statutory temperature. The manufacturers were contacted and felt that it would be uneconomical to re-process the ice-cream, consequently it was destroyed.

List of ice-cream destroyed:-

78 large tubs plain ice-cream
 291 small tubs plain ice-cream
 725 large chocolate ice-cream bricks
 108 small chocolate ice-cream bricks
 381 fruit flavoured splices
 141 fruit flavoured fruities

Office, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The Urban District were without a Public Health Inspector for approximately twelve months and the position was not filled until 31st June, 1965.

During the six months ending 31st December, 1965 all premises coming within the scope of the Act were registered and inspected.

The general requirements of the Act were drafted and circularised to the Office and Shops within the Area.

Following each inspection a letter was sent pointing out specific requirements of the Act.

Much of the required work had been started by the end of 1965.

Details of the Administration of the Act are given below:-

	Number premises registered during year	Total No. registered premises at end of year	No. registered premises receiving general inspection during year	Number persons employed
Offices	19	19	19	36
Retail Shops ...	60	60	60	199
Wholesale shops, Warehouses ...	2	2	2	13
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens. ...	8	8	8	27
Fuel storage depots	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total:	89	89	89	275

Office, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963


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Total number of inspections made to registered premises = 120
Total number of persons employed = 275 (81 males 194 females).

The above information is taken from a report submitted to the Ministry of Labour for the year ended 31st December, 1965.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

There is one caravan site within the Urban Area which is licensed to site a maximum of four caravans.



HEATHCOTE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Details of Animals slaughtered from July, 1965

	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Steers and Heifers:	286	323	360	380	414	394
Cows and Bulls:	1	1	Nil	1	2	2
Calves:	4	13	4	17	21	14
Sheep and Lambs:	1724	2510	2905	2791	2990	2205
Rams and Ewes:	Nil	2	8	22	4	2
Pigs:	587	1015	1069	1113	1191	1217
Sows and Boars	Nil	4	3	8	Nil	2

HEATHCOTE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Details of the Incidence of Disease found in the Food Animal from July, 1965

CATTLE		SHEEP		PIGS	
Cysticercus bovis	10	Cysticercus ovis	39	T.B. Corynebacterium equi	70
Pneumonia/Pleurisy	98	Pneumonia/Pleurisy	149	Pneumonia/Pleurisy	439
Abscesses	49	Abscesses	9	Abscesses	16
Fascioliasis	368	Fascioliasis	176	Ascariis/lumbricoides	397
Peritonitis	20	Parasitic or		Cirrhosis	3
Echinococcus Cysts	136	Bacterial Infection		Peritonitis	60
Bacterial Necrosis		of Liver:	387	Pericarditis	124
of Liver:	17	Echinococcus Cysts	22	Congestion of Lungs	83
Actinobacillosis	2	Parasitic Infestation		Hydronephrosis	2
Pericarditis	6	of Lungs:	678	Arthritis	9
Bruising	4	Melanosis	2	Enteritis	5
		Pericarditis	10	Lympho-sarcoma	1
		Bruising	2	Bruising	35

Survey of Lympho-sarcoma and other Tumours in the Food Animals

In conjunction with the Divisionary Veterinary Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Llandrindod Wells. A survey of Lympho-sarcoma and other tumours in the food animals was started in October, 1965. All tumours found in the food animals were sent to a central laboratory in Glasgow for identification.

The survey continues into 1966 but during November, 1965 one positive lympho-sarcoma tumour was identified in a pig carcase.

HOUSING PROGRAMME

Provision of New Houses

The progress made by the Local Authority in the provision of new houses since 1960 is shown below:-

Year	Completed	Remaining
1960	.	1
1961	13	1
1962	49	1
1963	3	1
1964	32	1
1965	20	1

During the year 60 new applications for housing were received.

Slum Clearance

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| 1. Individual Unfit Section 16 Housing Act, 1957 | 6 |
| 2. Proposed Clearance Areas | Nil |
| 3. Individual Unfit Section 9 Housing Act, 1957 | Nil |

Housing Financial Provisions Act, 1958

The Local Authority continues to take full advantage of the provisions of the above Act, and the table below shows the loans and grants made during 1965:-

Improvement Grants

(a) Number of Standard Improvement Grants	...	4
(b) Number of other Improvement Grants	...	31
(a) Amount of Standard Improvement Grants	...	£ 620
(b) Amount of other Improvement Grants	...	£6,763

By using the full powers granted to them under the Housing Acts the Local Authority have improved the housing standards of the district considerably.

I wish again to express my appreciation to members of the Council for their co-operation during the year of this Report.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Grubb and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

CREIGHTON E. EDWARDS,

Medical Officer of Health for the
Southern Combined Districts of
Breconshire.

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